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**March 2010**



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The Southern California DX Club Newsletter est. 1947

*"If you need him  
get in there and  
work him"*

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

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Any questions regarding this newsletter or it's articles should be addressed to the editor, Bill  
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Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at  
<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater  
**W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL**



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**March 11th**  
**1930 PST (7:30 PM)**

*Don't forget the meal at The Roll and Rye before the meeting!*

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**. Herbert "Pete" Hoover SK**

**. Program for March**

**Paul Charbonneau - W6BZH**

Paul will be giving his famous presentation on RFI! Do not miss it!

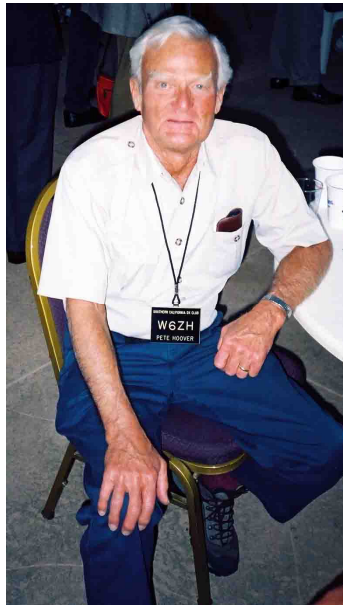
**. Member Profile**

**Paul Charbonneau - W6BZH**

**. An Evening with The SCDXC**

A visual Life like look at an evening at the club meeting

Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.  
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## Herbert (Pete) HOOVER III W6ZH

HOOVER III, Herbert (Pete) Nov. 5, 1927 - Feb. 4, 2010 Devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Adventurer, benefactor and mentor to countless others. "Pete" Hoover died peacefully with his family by his side. A man who truly believed in living life to its fullest. He was blessed to have his beloved wife, Meredith by his side for 61 years of traveling as well as hours of volunteer service together with The American Red Cross. A man of great intelligence and wisdom, he was involved with many organizations as a consulting director. He was a man whose presence could engage an entire audience or relate to individuals on a one to one basis. He will be deeply missed and will always be remembered by his wife Meredith, (son) Stephen Hoover, (daughter) Leslie Hoover-Lauble (Todd), grandchildren, Jennifer Mosebach (Benjamin), Stephen H. Marsh and Hagen D. Lauble and great grandson Jackson B Mosebach; and so many others whose lives he touched during his life.

A memorial service is planned for the future. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: Doheney Eye Institute, 1490 San Pablo St., Los Angeles, CA 90033, Hoover Institution, 434 Galvez Mall, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-6010, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Assoc., 302 Parkside Drive, West Branch, IA 52358, House Ear Institute, 2100 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90057 Arrangements by Pierce Brothers Turner & Stevens, 626-287-0595 Published in Los Angeles Times on February 9, 2010

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We lost Pete Hoover to emphysema last week. The obituary will probably be printed Tuesday.

As the W6KA Trustee for the Pasadena Radio Club, Pete could be counted on to inspect our Field Day operation every year. He gave club talks about QRP and about the communications needs of the American Red Cross, of which he was a director. On his PRC membership application he lists his Ham Radio interests as CW, DXing, building, antennas, QRP, and portable operating. He goes on to list his non-ham interests as photography, motorcycles, and travel. There are stories for each of those interests, and some of them intertwine.

He gave a travelogue presentation to a recent International DX Convention about his travels in the Indian Ocean. As a result, a major DXpedition was mounted the following year to Pete's recommended DX QTH.

On another trip he operated homebrew QRP CW from a very rare southern ocean island DXCC entity while the cruise ship waited at bay. The ARRL ruled his QSO to be not countable because it was made on sked and no one else was worked. But the picture of him sitting on a rain poncho next to a vertical on that barren island is priceless.

W6ZH SK R.I.P.

de N6LL

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not paid your dues you are delinquent. All notices have been sent out. If you have not received a notice please contact Mel or better yet send in an application and your dues! We are always happy to take your money! Please fill out and include an application with your dues. You can download the form at <http://www.scdxc.org/download/membership-app.pdf>



## Southern California DX Club, Inc.

[Membership Renewal \[ \]](#)

[New Member Application \[ \]](#)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you confirmed 40 CQ Zones? Not yet: [ ] Yes [ ] I have a WAZ certificate: [ ]

Have you confirmed 100 Countries? Not yet: [ ] Yes [ ] I have a DXCC certificate: [ ]

Are you an ARRL Member? No: [ ] Yes: [ ] Life: [ ]

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**Renewal Membership, Full or Associate - \$18.00 USD Per Calendar Year (Jan – Dec)**  
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(Example: Join in September, pay 4 x \$1.50 – Family Members @ additional 25%)

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For badge shipping costs to overseas locations contact Mel Hughes, K6SY at [k6sy@scdxc.org](mailto:k6sy@scdxc.org).

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QSLs verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member [ ]

DXCC \_\_\_\_\_ WAZ \_\_\_\_\_ Former Member \_\_\_\_\_ At-Large Member [ ]

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**THE PREZ SEZ**  
**Larry Mallek, K6YUI,**  
**President – Southern California DX**  
**Club**  
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Hello everyone and I hope everyone enjoyed last months meeting. Skip really did a great job with the VY2TT presentation. I always thought that station was on 5 to 10 acres and sure was surprised when he said it was on 2 acres. I am now working on buying up all the houses on my block so I can put up more towers. Don't I wish.

I want to thank our Vice President, John – N6QQ, for having some really great prizes as again we had quite a few people come to the meeting. It was great to see some faces that I have not seen in many years.

Well it looks like the Sun spots are getting better and you can be sure of that by just listening on any band. In the CW contest on 2/20 and 2/21 15 had to be at the top of them all. I don't think I could fine a spot that was clear.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting, so mark your calendar for the 11<sup>th</sup> and remember DX IS.

**Larry Mallek K6YUI**  
**President SCDXC**

**Officer Guidelines**

[www.scdxc.org/download/Officer\\_Guidelines\\_Rev-A.pdf](http://www.scdxc.org/download/Officer_Guidelines_Rev-A.pdf)

***This space reserved for something really funny....***

***OK I am out of ideas people! We need some input here!***

***N6RV***

*p.s. Larry you were suppose to talk about Carl and Cathy's 160 antenna. For your punishment you owe us an article next month. Ernie has to help just because I said so. Now get to it!*

**Treasurer's Report**  
**December 2009**

**OK... OK We are working on it!**

**Officer Guidelines**

In 2000 Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ, and Chuck Constantine, KR6C generated a set of guidelines for club officers. Steve Shane, W6NRQ, headed up an effort to update these guidelines. The board reviewed and approved them. They are posted at the site to the left under the president's article



# VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**John Schroeder, N6QQ,**

**Vice President – Southern California DX Club**

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Hello Everyone!

Great presentation Skip! If you missed Skip talked on Price Edward Island (VY2) and it was outstanding. The photography was skillfully done and the subject matter was well covered. After talk, good questions were asked from the audience. Its hard to believe all those antennas fit into a 3 area site.

As I write this, we have had 31 days of sunspots. Solar Flux is running around 75 to 86. The weekend of Feb 20-21 - the ARRL CW contest found 15 meters open to Europe for 4 hours -(both Sat and Sunday). 20 meters was open to Europe at 5:30 am until well pass 2 p.m. At 2 pm 20 was open to Europe and Asia at the same time. I was able to work 31 countries on 10 meters during the weekend.

The main contests for March 2010 are:

ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) -- 0000Z, Mar 6 to 2400Z, Mar 7

CQ WW WPX Contest (SSB) -- 0000Z, Mar 27 to 2359Z, Mar 28

Check out this site for current DX Operations. It shows the Announced Operations for March.

**<http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>**

Using the same site, check out what countries will be on during the ARRL DX Contest. Go to this site:

**<http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>**

For those that are working towards DXCC and new countries, DX contests are a great way to add to your collection. Keep in mind that if there is a pile-up going, let the big boys fight it out. Drop by later to work the station. You do not need to enter the contest, but you will need to know the exchange for that contest. These sites will give you an idea what to look for during March.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the March meeting. Our speaker will be Paul Charbonneau, W6BZH. Paul has been the radio interference go to guy for the DWP for over 20 years. He has worked tirelessly with the ham community during his tenure and is widely respected. He is retiring and we thought one more time before you make tracks out! Paul's talks are always interesting!

**73, John N6QQ**  
**Vice-President, SCDXC**



## **Dxer of The Year**

**Nominations are closed  
as of March 1st**

## **The Clipperton Award**

**Applications are closed  
as of March 1st.**



# **THE EDITOR**

## **Bill Kendrick, N6RV,**

### **Editor – Southern California DX Club**

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## **OFF THE HOOK!**

I do not know if many of you are in tune with the latest slang however this verse describes the ARRL CW contest weekend exactly. Everything was open from 15 through 160. 10 even showed some life yielding EA8 and CU2 contacts as well as the Pacific, Caribbean, and South America. I am sure if someone on the coast of Europe was listening they may have snagged a few West Coast contacts as well. It was incredible running a 100 watts on 40 into an 80 meter loop and working Europeans right and left. I am not talking about weak stations. These guys were loud and all over the band. 15 was open both to Europe both mornings. I tried calling CQ on 20 and yielded very little. I decided to give it a go Sunday on 15 meters. When I let up on the key there was mayhem! I thought maybe I had accidentally landed on someone's frequency. No, they were calling me... on 15 meters! It was wild! I was up around 21.104 MHz and the pile was six deep and I was running 100 Watts. I have to give some credit to Flex for a feature that really works in S&P mode. The waterfall display allows you to jump from station to station as you work up and down the band. It is unlike any other display in that you see the stations history. Often on other receivers you will see a station pop up but before you can tune them in they are gone. Not the case here. It is point at the transmission on the waterfall history display and click. It is interesting that the bands were stacked evenly. The stations were spaced out about 2 per KHz all the way up. There is so much information available from this display! When I saw an open spot I would jump in and call CQ. For you contest types this feature would do wonders in a sprint just point and click. Back to the contest. I slept about 2 hours in the 48. I was in a daze on Sunday. Unlike last year I was able to maintain a good rate over the whole contest. Again only a small portion were runs. It was tune and grind. I managed 875 contacts with 73 countries on 20 and 71 on 15. 40 produced 45 countries from a non-resonant low antenna! 160 and 10 bracketed the count with 11 each! 11 countries on 160! Actually through most of the contest I had more countries on 15 than 20! My score nearly tripled from last year. Things are heating up. Are you ready? Remember the ARRL SSB contest is this coming weekend!

Now for the rest of the club stuff. Well read all about it in the following pages. Sorry I did not make the usual 25 pages and 8 MB. This is a busy month, taxes, contests and convention preparations! Do not forget to preregister!!!

Remember to greet the new members!

**73, de N6RV ... -.. --.**

## **New Members**

I have taken on the task of greeting new members in a unique way. I will be at each meeting with camera in hand. I would like to take a photo of each new member and jot down a few tidbits for this side bar. Unfortunately last meeting I was asleep at the wheel. If you are a new member and attend the meeting please stop by. It will be my pleasure to do the honors! This includes anyone I missed this year!

**Please welcome new members:**

**Mary Gray  
KH6VZ**

**Diana Feinberg  
AI6DF**

**Randy Johnson  
W6SJ**

**Jim Porter  
N6AJR**

**Christina Porter  
N6GTY**

**Jerry Solomon  
W6CCC**

**John Self  
K6VFR**

**Robert Collins  
W6WBY**

**Bart Susman  
K6UNR**

**Alan Toll  
W6JNU**

**Rick Sokkeli  
AE6RS**

***Make sure you meet  
and greet them at the  
next meeting!***

# RUMORS ON THE BAND

*A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun*

There are several DXpeditions from very rare countries happening during March! Also the ARRL SSB International DX Competition will provide many opportunities. With the solar flux on the rise we should have a pretty good spring all in all. Even 6 meter sporadic E is kicking in early!

**Orange Information** indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Our own member DXpeditioner extraordinaire, Bob Grimick, N6OX has joined a large team who will brave the wild, wooly, and dangerous wilderness of Kurdistan, Iraq. Actually they will be in a huge hotel with plenty of security. Even then I would be wearing my Kevlar underpants! The DXpedition is scheduled for the beginning of April. It is an all out effort to get YI on the map before the US heads home. They will be running 2 SSB Stations, 2 CW stations and a Digital station. They will be outfitted with five Elecraft K3s, 2 Acom 1000 amplifiers, 3 Acom 1010 amplifiers, a SteppIR 3 element yagi with the 40 meter dipole, two SteppIR 2 element yagis, a Force 12 C3S, two SteppIR BigIR verticals antennas and amplifiers, verticals for 80 / 160 and beverages. This is a serious operation. Make plans to work them on as many bands as possible. GOOD LUCK BOB!

## Useful DX Sites

**N0HR DXpedition Map**  
[www.n0hr.com/wk34/](http://www.n0hr.com/wk34/)

**The DX Zone**  
[www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX\\_Resources/](http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/)

**The Daily DX**  
[www.dailydx.com/](http://www.dailydx.com/)

**Announced DX Ops**  
[www.nq3k.com/misc/adxo.html](http://www.nq3k.com/misc/adxo.html)

**DXing.info**  
[www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/](http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/)

**DX 425 News**  
[www.425dxn.org/dxped/](http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/)

**Dx-info.de**  
[www.dx-info.de](http://www.dx-info.de)

**DX Italia DX News**  
[www.marioi2mqp.it](http://www.marioi2mqp.it)

| Call             | QTH                     | Start Date       | End Date         | Information                                                                                | Website                                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>T6LC</b>      | <b>Afghanistan</b>      | <b>Now</b>       | <b>3/3/2010</b>  | <b>W4JJ Mostly 40 &amp; 20</b>                                                             |                                                                         |
| <b>8Q7AJ</b>     | <b>Maldives</b>         | <b>Now</b>       | <b>3/5/2010</b>  | <b>OE6VHF SSB</b>                                                                          |                                                                         |
| <b>9U1VO</b>     | <b>Burundi</b>          | <b>Now</b>       | <b>3/6/2010</b>  | <b>9U1VO (DJ2VO) 9U1RS (DL2RSI) 9U1KI (DH2KI) 9U1XEV (DL3KBQ) 80-10 SSB CW RTTY</b>        |                                                                         |
| VP2MPR           | Montserrat              | Now              | 3/13/2010        | VP2MPR (W1USN) AA1M (VP2MPL)                                                               |                                                                         |
| <b>DJ5RJ/SV5</b> | <b>Dodecanese</b>       | <b>Now</b>       | <b>3/17/2010</b> |                                                                                            |                                                                         |
| <b>5X1NH</b>     | <b>Uganda</b>           | <b>Now</b>       | <b>3/21/2010</b> | <b>G3RWF 160-10m</b>                                                                       |                                                                         |
| J5UAP            | Guinea Bissau           | Now              | 3/31/2010        | HA3AUI 160-10m                                                                             | <a href="http://cqafrika.net/">http://cqafrika.net/</a>                 |
| 6W2SC            | Senegal                 | Now              | 3/31/2010        | HA3AUI 160-10m                                                                             | <a href="http://cqafrika.net/">http://cqafrika.net/</a>                 |
| H44MS            | Solomon Islands         | Now              | 4/20/2010        | DL2GAC                                                                                     | <a href="http://cqafrika.net/">http://cqafrika.net/</a>                 |
| <b>XR0ZN</b>     | <b>San Felix Island</b> | <b>Now</b>       | <b>4/30/2010</b> | <b>CE6TBN LA6FJA LA7WCA LA8BCA LA6EIA LA5FJA 160 - 10 CW SSB RTTY</b>                      |                                                                         |
| VK9WBM           | Willis Island           | Now              | 5/1/2010         | 160 - 10                                                                                   |                                                                         |
| <b>5X7JD</b>     | <b>Uganda</b>           | <b>Now</b>       | <b>5/25/2010</b> | <b>NP2OR</b>                                                                               |                                                                         |
| <b>VK9COF</b>    | <b>Cocos Keeling</b>    | <b>3/3/2010</b>  | <b>3/10/2010</b> | <b>NL8F</b>                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <b>3B9</b>       | <b>Rodrigues Island</b> | <b>3/3/2010</b>  | <b>4/2/2010</b>  | <b>3B9/G3LZQ 160 / 80 / 40</b>                                                             |                                                                         |
| <b>OX3/K0KU</b>  | <b>Greenland</b>        | <b>3/3/2010</b>  | <b>4/2/2010</b>  | <b>N0RC Thule</b>                                                                          |                                                                         |
| <b>MJ/OP9X/p</b> | <b>Greenland</b>        | <b>3/31/2010</b> | <b>4/7/2010</b>  | <b>ON4PQ ON5HC ON5MF ON7PQ ON7USB 160 - 10 CW SSB RTTY</b>                                 |                                                                         |
| <b>3C0</b>       | <b>Annabon Island</b>   | <b>4/1/2010</b>  | <b>4/30/2010</b> | <b>EA5BYP EA5KM 160 - 10 CW SSB RTTY</b>                                                   | <a href="http://www.3c0c-annobon.com/">http://www.3c0c-annobon.com/</a> |
| <b>YI9PSE</b>    | <b>Iraq</b>             | <b>4/3/2010</b>  | <b>4/11/2010</b> | <b>N6PSE N6OX W8HW NI6T JH4RHF AH6HY N2WB YI1UNH K3VN K3LP YI1UNH 160 - 10 SSB CW RTTY</b> | <a href="http://www.yi9pse.com">www.yi9pse.com</a>                      |

# PRESENTER PROFILE

## Paul N. Charbonneau - W6BZH Norwalk, California

Paul is our speaker for the March meeting. He was born in 1938 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Paul lived there and attended high school in the New Bedford area. At the age of 14, in 1952 Paul acquired his first ham ticket and was given the call sign WN1IHZ. One year later he passed his general class license exam and dropped the N from his call sign (W1IHZ). His first real station were Heathkit radios that he built. The AT-1 transmitter and the AR-3 receiver produced many hours of enjoyment. It was a magical time in the golden years of ham radio and approaching the peak of one of highest solar cycles in the history of the hobby.

In 1956, at 18 years old, Paul joined the United States Air Force. Because he already was experienced in copying code he was trained as a high speed Morse code intercept operator. Paul went to tech school at the Ground Electronics Department at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. His first assignment was two years at Misawa Japan. Misawa is a city on the northeast end of Japan's main island, Honshu, in the Aomori Prefecture, about 400 miles North of Tokyo. It is the only combined joint service installation in the western Pacific. Paul obtained the call sign KA8RA, "King Arthur's 8 Roving Alcoholics". The KA ham prefix was assigned to U.S. military personnel stationed in Japan. In particular the KA6 prefix was assigned to hams in Okinawa. This later became KR6.

After his two year tour Paul came back to the states for an 18 month assignment at Langley AFB, Virginia. His principle activity was working in communications security (COMSEC). COMSEC equipment is used specifically to encrypt and decrypt military and government transmissions.

Following that assignment Paul returned to Misawa AFB, Japan for three years. He revived his old call sign KA8RA and was again active on the bands from Asia. He returned home to Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. For three years Paul was an instructor in the Ground Electronics Department.

In 1965 Paul left the Air Force moved to California. He went to work at Autonetics in Anaheim. He worked as a digital electronic equipment test technician on the minuteman 1-2-3 guidance computers. After three years Paul went to work for Raytheon as a lab technician at LG Hanscom Field outside of Boston. He lasted 6 months and headed back to California After one winter he had had enough of the snow. Paul went to work at Raytheon in Hawthorne, CA working on the advanced model of the old ANGRC-26 hut from world war II.

After his job at Raytheon Paul worked for RESDEL Engineering Corporation in Arcadia, CA. After 5 years Paul left RESDEL to go to work as the only outside tech for ORANGE COUNTY RADIOTELEPHONE SERVICE in Santa Ana. After 5 years on this assignment Paul went to work for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in 1981.

"I worked as a communication electrician maintaining microwave, two way radio, burglar alarm systems, and digital telephone systems. Finally for almost twenty years now I was the radio interference inspector for the City of Los Angeles as well as my other duties. Having bought back my military time I will retire with 36 years of service. It has been a great time all as a result of Ham Radio as a teenager."

Paul attended the University of Maryland, Cerritos College, and California State University at Long Beach where he graduated with a degree in political science.



# DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!*

## Ernie ... Get er Done (N6RV)

Since I received no announcements this month I am going to pick on Ernie, N6HY. Ernie has just broke a hundred worked on 160! The problem is he is not closing the deal! OK, he finished sending out the cards today but I had to put something in here so Ernie was tagged! Way to go Ernie. I need 25 more to catch you. I will trade you an XV on 6 meters for 3 Europeans on 160!

## N6RV The Eternal Procrastinator (N6RV)

One good turn deserves another. I have had 5BDXCC since 1990 and I have been over 300 since then too. I have not submitted for the awards or updated my country total since 1987. Forget about single band DXCC and WAZ awards. I too am pulling the cards as we speak. They are so old that the glue on the labels has dried out and they are falling off the cards. Thank goodness for LOTW. It reduced the number of cards I have to submit from over 1200 to 515. Maybe if I drag my feet for another 20 years LOTW will catch up. I just can not deal with parting with those cards that took so much to get! Luckily John has agreed to check my submission and I will have the 160 cards checked at Visalia!

## SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first of the two large numbers represent the number of confirmed zones on the 9 HF bands 160-10 (less 60 meters). The next column contain the following codes:

**M**     **Mixed**  
**P**     **Phone**  
**C**     **CW**  
**R**     **RTTY**  
**5**     **5 Band**

If you have any information to post please email me:  
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## SCDXC WAZ STADINGS

|         | <u>9B / 5B</u> | <u>Awards</u> |
|---------|----------------|---------------|
| WA5VGI  | 352 / 200      | M/P/C/5       |
| W6VX    | 352 / 199      |               |
| EU7SA   | 351 / 200      | M/5           |
| K6FG    | 344 / 200      | M/P/C/R/5     |
| W6SR    | 342 / 200      | M/P/C//5      |
| W8DX    | 339 / 200      | M/5           |
| K6YUI   | 337 / 200      | M/P/C/R/5     |
| W6YOO   | 303 / 200      | M/P/C/5       |
| K6YRA   | 280 / 200      | P/5           |
| KC6X    | 278 / 200      | M/C/5         |
| K6LD    | 271 / 172      | M/P           |
| N6RV    | 266 / 173      | M/P/C         |
| KR6C    | 264 / 166      | M/C           |
| KJ6Y    | 261 / 172      |               |
| WD6L    | 248 / 200      | M/P/5         |
| K6SY    | 246 / 173      | P             |
| K6GXO   | 227 / 193      | M             |
| N6OU    | 220 / 200      | M/5           |
| N6DHZ   | 214 / 160      | P             |
| KH6DX/m | 210 / 184      |               |
| K2PLF   | 191 / 191      |               |
| K6KII   | 191 / 177      | M             |
| W6NRQ   | 180 / 147      | M/P           |
| WA6BOB  | 152 / 136      | M             |
| K6IRA   | 118 / 102      |               |
| W3SE    | 102 / 112      |               |
| K6VC    | 96 / 96        | P             |
| W6EA    | 92 / 86        |               |
| KA6TTV  | 82 / 67        |               |
| N6UC    | 78 / 78        | M             |
| W6IRD   | 67 / 64        | M/P           |
| N6GIL   | 49 / 43        |               |
| W6DCK   | 40 / 40        | P             |
| WB6PSY  | 40 / 40        | P             |
| K6JW    | 40 / 40        | M/P           |
| K6IRD   | 39 / 34        |               |
| K6YR    | 39 / 39        |               |
| KT6LA   | 36 / 36        |               |
| NZ6L    | 36 / 36        |               |
| N6VNI   | 35 / 35        |               |
| W4EF    | 29 /           |               |
| N6AWD   |                | M             |
| N6HC    |                | M/P/C         |
| KB6KTV  |                | P             |
| W6OES   |                | M             |
| K8RD    |                | C             |
| K6UNR   | / 200          | M/P/5         |

## SCDXC DXCC STANDINGS

|        | <u>TOT / CUR</u> |
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| K6KII  | 382 / 338        |
| JA1BK  | 377 / 338        |
| K6YRA  | 372 / 338        |
| N6UC   | 365 / 338        |
| K6YUI  | 360 / 338        |
| K6EXO  | 360 / 335        |
| W6HT   | 354 / 338        |
| W6SR   | 353 / 338        |
| WA6WZO | 352 / 338        |
| K8RD   | 351 / 338        |
| K5KT   | 350 / 338        |
| K6FG   | 350 / 338        |
| K6GXO  | 350 / 338        |
| N6RV   | 350 / 337        |
| K2PLF  | 349 / 338        |
| K6IPV  | 349 / 331        |
| W8DX   | 348 / 337        |
| W6OM   | 347 / 337        |
| KC6X   | 344 / 337        |
| W6AUG  | 344 / 337        |
| W6OES  | 344 / 329        |
| W6KK   | 343 / 338        |
| W6VX   | 343 / 338        |
| N6AWD  | 343 / 336        |
| K6LD   | 343 / 338        |
| W6DCK  | 342 / 336        |
| WB6PSY | 342 / 333        |
| EU7SA  | 340 / 336        |
| KB6KTV | 340 / 335        |
| W6YOO  | 340 / 334        |
| WA5VGI | 342 / 336        |
| KR6C   | 337 / 335        |
| N6OU   | 334 / 329        |
| N6HC   | 333 / 328        |
| K6UNR  | 332 / 331        |
| W6QE   | 332 / 324        |
| W6IRD  | 327 / 324        |
| KJ6Y   | 327 / 323        |
| K6SY   | 312 / 310        |
| AD6KQ  | 299 / 299        |
| WD6L   | 295 / 292        |
| W6HB   | 291 / 285        |
| N6DHZ  | 286 / 284        |
| W6NRQ  | 284 / 284        |
| N7CQQ  | 268 / 266        |
| K6JW   | 253 / 251        |
| K6YR   | 244 / 244        |
| K6DJ   | 236 / 236        |
| K6VC   | 227 / 227        |
| K6IRD  | 219 / 219        |
| K6HCJ  | 202 / 202        |
| WA6BOB | 202 / 198        |
| KT6LA  | 161 / 161        |
| N6VNI  | 147 / 147        |
| KA6TTV | 145 / 145        |
| K6OGO  | 142 / 142        |
| W6EA   | 138 / 138        |
| W6WVW  | 134 / 134        |
| W4EF   | 132 / 132        |
| K6LX   | 125 / 125        |
| WA6NOL | 112 / 111        |
| NZ6L   | 27 / 27          |

# SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

## *Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tid-Bits Submitted by Members*

### **Wanted (N6QQ)**

I am looking for a Alpha 87A amplifier also, 2 Vacuum Variable Capacitors in the range of 20-1000 pF/10kV. I Would like to build a matching box for loading a tower. If you know someone who has an extra matching network, pass them my direction. John, N6QQ (562) 404-1112  
*(p.s. I too am in the hunt for a matching network... N6RV)*

### **DX Etiquette (W6SJ)**

Randy wrote an excellent Op-Ed for this month's QST on the proper way to work DX and giving the guys taking the risks and doing the work appropriate consideration. Talking to Randy he assured me that this is not a big issue in Southern California however we need to go over the rules every so often just to remind us what is appropriate! You can read the article at the website below.

[www.savvyborrower.com/amateur.htm](http://www.savvyborrower.com/amateur.htm)

*(Having been on the other side I too understand the frustration of trying to pull a weak one out while someone else calling continually. I remember attending a meeting where a state department employee who was a ham gave a presentation on DXing while in Africa. He had a recording with him of the horrendous pile ups and some real obnoxious very notable callers. At the end of the presentation he pulled a spear out of a bag and quietly assembled it. It was a gift from someone in one of the countries he visited. He then asked if there were any questions. Silence fell! ... N6RV)*

### **NCDXF Newsletter (W6NRQ)**

The latest NCDXF newsletter is out. Steve a talked to Bruce the President and it is for download to everyone. The is a great article on last years Midway DXpedition.

Since SCDXC is an annual donor we can put the NCDXF logo on our personal QSL cards.

[www.ncdxf.org/newsletters/NCDXFSpring2010.pdf](http://www.ncdxf.org/newsletters/NCDXFSpring2010.pdf)

### **Ham Radio in the Haitian Earthquake (W6MPG)**

From The CGC Newsletter

Here is a five star video on what ham radio does when the chips are down, this time in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqaKzIkyBug>

## Visalia Repeater (W6NRQ)

Hi Ray.

In 2008 you offered to let the Visalia convention folks use your repeater. In particular the So Cal DX Club who is sponsoring this year. From conversations with members who used it, they thank you very much. It was greatly appreciated by the club. I hope you can extend the offer for 2010.

Steve W6NRQ

Steve,

On behalf of the Tulare County ARC, the offer is still valid, both to the SoCal DX Club, and to the No Cal DX Club. All licensed amateurs are always welcome to use the Club's repeaters. Here are some of the details of the system, which has changed recently:

Frequencies are: 146.880(-), 223.880(-), 440.400(+), and 1286.300(-). All require a CTCSS or PL tone of 103.5 and all but the 223.500 transmit the same tone to reduce interference. The 146.880 and 440.400 can access the IRLP and Echolink systems and the others can converse with these systems once the link is up. (The tones are not transmitted between controllers at this time.)

The repeaters are located east of Fresno at 7500'. Coverage area on two meters is from the Grapevine south of Bakersfield to at least the Turlock and Tracy area in the north. Other bands are somewhat different. These repeaters are linked 24/7 except during power failures at the repeater site. They are broken apart to reduce the drain on the batteries.

The IRLP does not require an access code, but the Echolink requires a "C" before the node number. All we ask is that you ID your station before keying in any tones. Otherwise, a control operator may turn off the nodes to prevent unauthorized or illegal use.

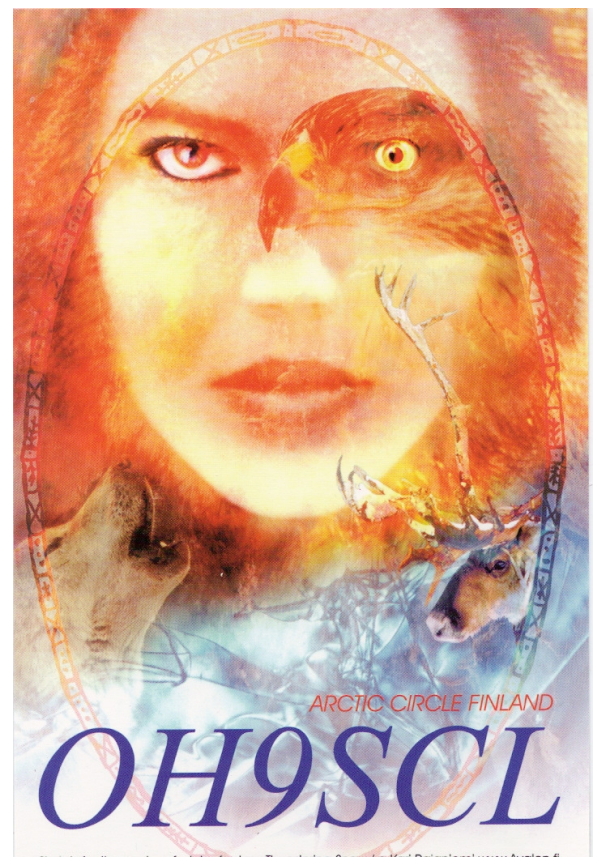
The hilltop also has DSTAR. The frequencies are: 145.450 (-), 440.050(+), 1286.325(-), and 1255.000 Digital Data.

If you have any more questions, don't hesitate to write.

73 de Ray Quinn W6RAY  
Visalia, CA DM06

## Unique QSL Card From a Unique Station (N6VNI)

George received this QSL card last week and wanted to share it with the club. Look at it carefully it is a real neat mosaic. Maybe it is a throw back from my youth but it is still exciting to receive a nice QSL in the mail.





# AN EVENING WITH THE SO CAL DX CLUB



How it looks before the meeting.

We always start with an empty room



Then we add chairs... and George!



Skip and Larry take care of technical details



The board greets the attendees with a free raffle ticket



The room fills



Card Checking before the meeting

Vice President John, N6QQ, checks cards for DXCC



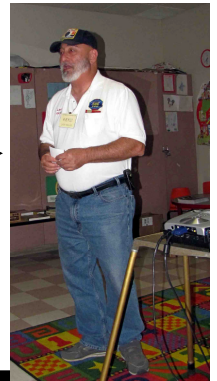
Don, N6IC, is up and running!



Ernie, N6HY, handles the raffle ticket pile up!



Standing Room Only!



President Larry, K6YUI, kicks it off



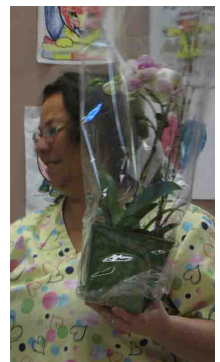
Members share their DX experiences



IDXC co-chairman Mel, K6SY, and wife Doris share good news about the 2010 convention with IDXC and SCDXC treasurer Cathy, K6VC. Cathy announces it to the members.



Sharon Paquette gets a big Thank You for all the wonderful refreshments in 2009!



Next Page





Vice President John,  
N6QQ, introduces this  
evenings speaker  
Skip, KJ6Y



**Skip, KJ6Y, Presents The VY2TT Story!**

Towers, antennas, huge cranes, more towers,  
monster antenna switch, mega-station,  
storms, intrigue, mystery, Corvettes, cats,  
dogs, potatoes, and cows! ... It's all there!



**Break Time!**



**The Chicago Twins!**  
*( Maybe the Chicago Cubs... I  
thought the Twins were from Min-  
nesota?)*



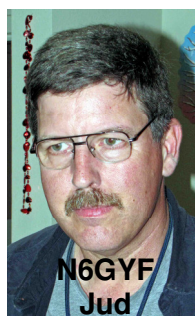
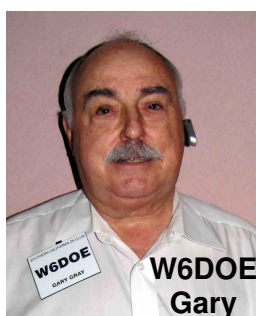
**More Fellowship ... and Food!**



***Hey! Who Won the Raffle?***

|        |                    |
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| N6VNI  | Printer            |
| K6VC   | Yaesu FT-1900R     |
| W6VX   | Atomic Clock       |
| N6IC   | Task Force         |
| W6HT   | ON4UN Book         |
| N6VNI  | Power Inverter     |
| K6LD   | Digital Multimeter |
| W6IRD  | AA Batteries       |
| W6ZPL  | Heathkit History   |
| K6SY   | Extension Cord     |
| KA6TTV | Tower Book         |

## Meet The New Members and First Timers!



***Say hello to them at the next meeting!***

***Our club is all about DX. DX is great but there  
would be no DX if there were no DXers! That's  
why the SCDXC is here! We socialize. We network.  
We talk about our latest achievements. We enter-  
tain visiting DXers from other countries. We plan  
and share our DXpeditions. We have fun!***

***Come join us!***



# 2010 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

*A Great Time with Great Friends*

## 2010 VISALIA IDXC COMMITTEE

Our last meeting was before the last newsletter so all the new information is what is flying around in emails.

- 1) The shirts are being made as the orders come in.
- 2) Our presenters are lining up! It looks like we snagged some great programs.
- 3) Both CQ and ARRL are coming to the shindig!
- 4) The IOTA and Top Band Dinners have made their announcements.
- 5) We have been notified that the ARRL has sanctioned this event.
- 6) The program booklets are almost complete. Vendor artwork is added as it comes in. If you want to be part of this book the deadline is March 13th for all artwork and input.

Preregistration count is up over 300. It is climbing daily and Cathy is taking it in stride. Here is what we have as of Feb 25, 2010

**Registration: 361**

**Golf: 8**

**Shirts: 85**

**Drink Sponsors: 174**

**New Attendees: 28**

**Opportunity Drawing: 636 books**

**Sat Tour: 34**

### **Banquet Meals:**

Chicken: 59

Ranch Steak: 152

Salmon: 117

Veggie: 6

**At this date in 2008 we had 218 pre-registrations!**



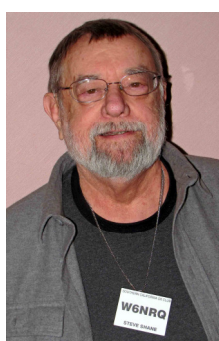
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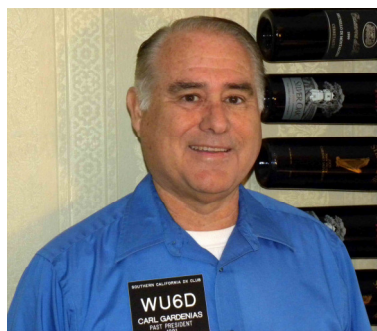
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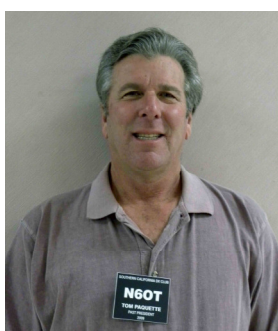
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